

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
October 21, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Council: Vice Mayor Eric Baca, Ron Thebeau and Phelps Wilkins

Excused: Mary Nedrow and Bill Lucas

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Tom Malone Public Works Director, and Sharon Pinckard.

Public: Kevin Burk, Ron Cavanaugh, Buster Madariaga, Doug and Carol Henderson, Dan Muth, Susie Silva, Steve and Susan Erhart and David Pruett.

1. Vice Mayor Baca called the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with a quorum present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation:

Mr. Doug Henderson addressed the council regarding him or the public not being allowed to take part in a discussion on an item that was listed in the agenda. He asked that this be clarified under Roberts Rules of Order. He was told by the Town Attorney present at that meeting that he could not take part in the discussion.

Mr. Shaffery explained that this is a little confusing. Discussion under the agenda item is technically reserved for the Council or Board discussions under Robert's Rules. But if it's something a citizen put on the agenda it would not be inappropriate to have that person address the item. However, he cautioned the council to lay out the guidelines/rules before the meeting begins and set a time frame of two or three minutes for them to speak regarding the item as it could get out of hand quickly. Allowing two people with two different points of view could turn into a debate which shouldn't be allowed.

Vice-Mayor Baca announced that he doesn't mind listening to concerns placed on an agenda by citizens but doesn't want to be swayed by person's point of view.

Mr. Shaffery advised the council to make a decision what they want to do about this so the public has an opportunity to speak.

Vice Mayor Baca said they would speak with Mayor Nedrow to see how they can handle this and serve the people.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports: Town Manager West announced there were invitations to the Capital Christmas Tree Celebration in conjunction with the Town of Eagar. This will take place at the rodeo grounds. This will be the last time we'll be able to see the Christmas tree unwrapped. Invitations went out to Senators, Congressman and legislators inviting them to the celebration. There are extra invitations to give out in case there may be someone that was missed to hand out personally. He talked to Bill Greenwood today regarding what to do about Santa. Should we do just one Santa in a common area and rotate each year or should we do separate Santa's. He asked the council to consider these options and asked them to get back to him as soon as possible. Mr. West also announced that candidate packets would be available on November 9, 2009.

Sharon Pinckard gave an updated report on services for seniors advising them that funding has been cut again at the State level. There will no longer be a Home Health Nurse, Aid, or care giver services of any kind. The only program that will still be available is home delivered meals and transportation.

5. Consent Items:

Phelps Wilkins/Ron Thebeau motion to approve consent items 5a-5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins
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Old Business:

6. The Gate: Council action only regarding the town gate across Tumbling T. Drive.

Ron Thebeau/Phelps Wilkins motion to remove the gate and reopen Tumbling T.

Discussion: None

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

New Business:

7. Appointment to Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board: Discussion and action regarding appointing Jim Muth to the Springerville PSPRS Local Board.

Discussion: None

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

8. Resolution 2009-R011: Discussion and action regarding adopting Resolution 2009-R011 adding a 401 (a) Plan to the Town's existing 457 Retirement Plan.

Discussion: None

Ron Thebeau/Phelps Wilkins motion to adopt resolution 2009-R011

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

9. Resolution 2009-R012: Discussion and action regarding adopting Resolution 2009-R012 amending Resolution 540 the "Town's On-Call Fire Fighter Pension Plan".

Discussion: None

Ron Thebeau/Phelps Wilkins motion to adopt resolution 2009-R012.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

10. Chief of Police: Discussion and action regarding the position of Chief of Police.

Mr. West asked for direction regarding how the council would like to for him to proceed with the hiring of a new police chief for the Town of Springerville. This is customarily done with a hiring board made up of a council person, a citizen and a couple of Police Chiefs that will make a recommendation to the town council. Per the Town Policy it states we can hire internal as a lateral. Two internal positions have applied for the Chief's position so the interviews will be oral because certifications and background checks have already been done. If these candidates are not appropriate for the position then it will be advertised in the paper.

Phelps Wilkins/Eric Baca motion to direct Steve to form a committee to look at candidates and make recommendations to the Council.

Discussion: None

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins
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11. Adjournment:

Phelps Wilkins/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins
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Eric Baca, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a regular meeting on Wednesday October 21, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of October 2009.

Town Clerk